

BOARD OF SELECTMEN PRIORITIES 2006

PRIORITY: OPEN AND COMMUNITY SPACE

Strategies:

- Actively review properties
- Fireworks – review DHS and other appropriate sites for 2006
- Improve maintenance of parks and beaches
- Ensure highest and best use of town owned properties
- Consider the Weed Beach Master Plan
- Conduct assessment of public spaces and determine appropriate location for future projects
- Continue to improve the environment
- Gorham's Pond Dam Repair
- Create Pear Tree Point Master Plan
- Continue to manage and monitor the construction phase of DHS and Tokeneke School

PRIORITY: TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

Strategies:

- Continue to address congestion issues with the Police Department and Police Commission on the Post Road and in Noroton Heights
- Apply for grant to address Noroton Heights traffic congestion
- Replace street signs to conform to national requirements
- Implement Post Road traffic study with SWRPA
- Continue sidewalk improvement and pedestrian safety plan
- Address commuter parking shortage
- Continue to implement improvements at Noroton Heights Rail Station and Darien Station
- Pursue traffic calming to address traffic issues along Route 136

PRIORITY: DOWNTOWN AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Strategies:

- Recommend a course of action for Heights Road flooding
- Improve signage
- Encourage Heights Business district to form a merchants association
- Encourage the efforts of DRI consistent with the best interests of the Town

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Strategies:

- Pursue grant opportunities to fund projects
- Renegotiate contracts
- Raise fees where applicable
- Continue to implement efficiencies and economies to reduce costs where possible
- Continue to realize alternative funding for projects
- More effective development within business districts to relieve the residential tax burden

PRIORITY: SENIOR ISSUES

Strategies:

- Support raising the income level for tax relief
- Consider the recommendations of the Senior Center Task Force
- Address senior housing issues
- Investigate impacts of tax freeze for seniors on Town funding
- Consider lowering dump fees for seniors

CHARTER REVISION

Strategies:

- Discuss need for commission
- Establish charge and commission
- Form Commission